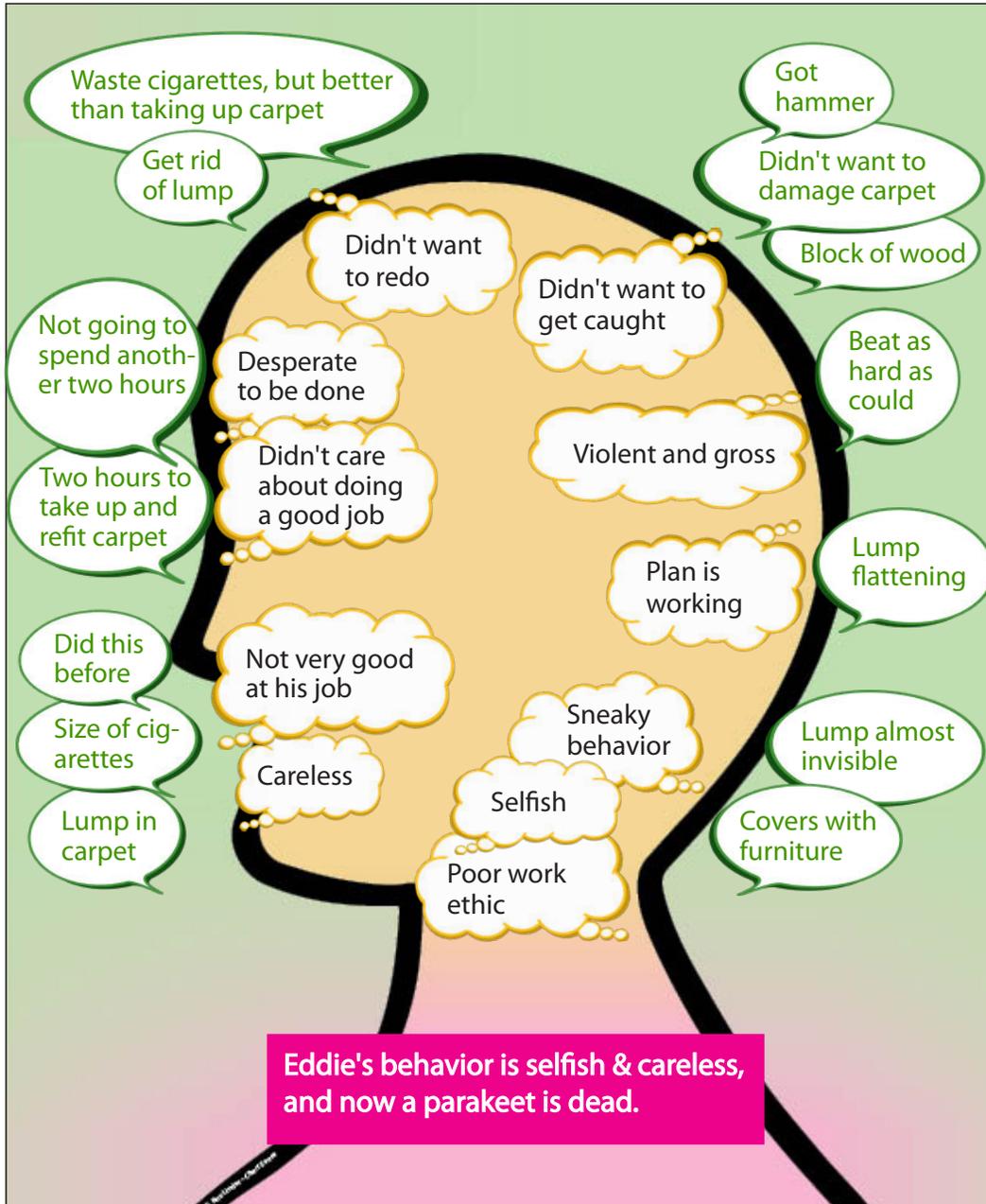


PROMPT #1 | Explain how Eddie's behavior in paragraphs 3-7 affects the ending. Support your answer with evidence from the story.



INFERENCE ANSWER

Eddie's careless and selfish work ethic likely killed Mrs. Vanbrugh's parakeet.

EVIDENCE

In paragraph 4, Eddie confesses he had previously "left the cigarettes under the... carpet."

ELABORATION

In other words, it was possible that the lump was his cigarettes because he had made this mistake before.

ELABORATION

It's evident that Eddie isn't extremely careful with his work.

EVIDENCE

After remembering it took two hours to refit the carpet last time, paragraph 5 states that Eddie "decided to get rid of the lump another way."

ELABORATION

This suggests that he was looking for a quick fix to make the lump go away.

ELABORATION

It is evident that Eddie wanted to start his weekend as soon as possible.

ELABORATION

In doing this, he was selfishly putting his own plans over doing a good job.

EXPLANATION

At the end of the story, Eddie finds his cigarettes on the dashboard and feels sick knowing that his rash decision cost Armand his life.